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                   FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
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    UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
                                           ) Civ. S-05-0418 MCE KJM
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               Plaintiff,
                                             FINAL JUDGMENT OF
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                                             FORFEITURE
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         V.
    2002 CADILLAC ESCALADE, VIN:
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    1GYEK63N52R122808, CALIFORNIA
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    LICENSE 4UHN183,
               Defendant.
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    VICTORIA VELAZQUEZ,
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               Claimant.
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Pursuant to the Stipulation for Final Judgment of Forfeiture, the Court finds as follows:

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- 1. This is a civil forfeiture action against a 2002 Cadillac Escalade seized in the Eastern District of California by the Federal Bureau of Investigation on September 22, 2004, from claimant's son, Juan Pablo Velazquez.
- 2. A Complaint for Forfeiture <u>In Rem</u> was filed on or about March 1, 2005, seeking the forfeiture of the defendant vehicle, alleging that the truck is subject to forfeiture pursuant to 21

U.S.C. \S 881(a)(4).

- 3. On or about March 4, 2005, the Court issued a Warrant of Arrest $\underline{\text{In}}$ $\underline{\text{Rem}}$ for the defendant vehicle, and it was duly executed on March 17, 2005.
- 4. On or about March 7, 2005, copies of the Complaint for Forfeiture In Rem, Summons and Warrant of Arrest In Rem, Affidavit, Application and Order for Publication, and court notices were served by certified mail on claimant's and Juan Pablo Velazquez' attorney, Victor S. Haltom.
- 5. On or about May 13, 2005, a Public Notice of Arrest of defendant vehicle appeared by publication in the <u>Appeal Democrat</u>, a newspaper of general circulation in Yuba County. The Proof of Publication were filed with the Court on May 26, 2005.
- 6. Claimant filed a verified claim to the defendant property on April 4, 2005, and filed an Answer to the Complaint for Forfeiture In Rem on April 22, 2005. No other parties have filed claims or answers in this matter, and the time for which any person or entity may file a claim and answer has expired. Claimant represents and warrants that she is the sole owner of the defendant vehicle.

Based on the above findings, and the Court being otherwise fully advised in the premises, it is hereby

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED:

- 1. That the Court adopts the Stipulation for Final Judgment of Forfeiture entered into by and between the parties to this action.
- 2. That judgment is hereby entered against claimant
 Victoria Velazquez and all other potential claimants who have not

filed claims in this action.

- 3. That all right, title, and interest in the defendant vehicle is hereby forfeited to the United States pursuant to 21 U.S.C. \S 881(a)(4).
- 4. That plaintiff United States of America and its servants, agents, and employees and all other public entities, their servants, agents, and employees, are released from any and all liability arising out of or in any way connected with the arrest/seizure or forfeiture of defendant vehicle. This is a full and final release applying to all unknown and unanticipated injuries, and/or damages arising out of said arrest/seizure or forfeiture, as well as to those now known or disclosed. The parties to this agreement waive the provisions of California Civil Code § 1542.
- 5. That pursuant to the stipulation of the parties, and allegations set forth in the Complaint for Forfeiture In Rem filed on March 1, 2005, the Court finds that there was reasonable cause for the seizure of the defendant vehicle, and a Certificate of Reasonable Cause pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2465 shall be entered accordingly.
- 6. That all parties are to bear their own costs and attorney fees.

CERTIFICATE OF REASONABLE CAUSE

Pursuant to the Stipulation for Final Judgment of Forfeiture filed herein and the allegations set forth in the Complaint for Forfeiture <u>In Rem</u> filed March 1, 2005, the Court enters this Certificate of Reasonable Cause pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2465,

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that there was reasonable cause for the seizure of the defendant vehicle.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: August 1, 2006

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE